

**MINUTES**  
**MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2012**

**Present:** Jim Graf, Yolanda Graf, Jane Kautzer, Anna Schoen, Henry Schoen, Jean Kittelson, Keary Kautzer, Mario Ciotola and Mary Rajer

**Excused:** Sue Van Akkeren

**Absent:** Ald. Jodi Vander Weele, Mai Xiong and Don Silvis

**Call to Order:** Jim Graf called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The committee stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Anna, second by Yolanda, the minutes from the July 11, 2012 meeting were approved. All ayes – motion carried.

**Welcome new committee member – Mario Ciotola:** Mario Ciotola was present and welcomed to the committee. Mario is originally from Italy and is a Pastor at Oakbrook Community Church on Broadway Avenue.

**Correspondence:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Order new shirts for committee members:** Three different style shirts were presented to the committee members. All styles were \$25.00 each. Henry made a motion that the shirts be purchased from the fundraising account, second by Jane. All ayes – motion carries. Members were allowed to choose which individual style they preferred. Mary will contact the absent members so that they may place an order if they so choose.

**Possible Packer fundraiser:** Chairman Graf reported that upon checking, the profits have been cut from 20% to 5% and there were some new strange rules incorporated so he did not follow-up. He will check again next year to see if this would be a viable option for our committee.

**Foreign Exchange Student Party:** Jim Graf checked on three possible venues for the party: Al & Al's – no fee for hall space, available Dec. 3, 5, 10 or 12 – no one was available to give pricing on food. Elks Club - \$150 for room (possibility of having waived), available Dec. 3 or 10, one meat \$12.25 + 15% Jakum's Hall – no fee for hall, any date ok, 2 meat buffet \$9.95 + 15% includes coffee/tea/milk, \$1.00 soda. All three places said it would be ok to bring our own cake in for dessert. A discussion was held on the difficulty of getting the students and the mayor together on one night. The schools indicated that Tuesdays and Thursdays were not good for the students and Mondays are not good for the Mayor and several of the other dates in December the mayor was also not available. It was decided that the date for the foreign exchange student party would be determined at a later date and would most likely be held sometime in February. It will mean that one student will miss the party because she is only here until December 16<sup>th</sup> so Anna & Henry will present her with her gifts from the committee at the People to People dinner before she departs.

Henry made a motion, second by Yolanda, that Mary purchase promotional items as gifts for the foreign exchange students with the money in the Public Relations Account. All ayes – motion carries.

**Committee Christmas Party:** The committee will hold its holiday party on January 20, 2013 at Rupp's Downtown. Cocktails at 5:00; dinner at 6:15. Party is for all members and their spouse/guest. Everyone attending should bring a white elephant gift, the more bizarre the better.

**City Hall Christmas Tree:** The committee will decorate the City Hall Christmas tree after the meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**August 24<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park Fundraiser:** The committee made a profit of \$598.46 from the sale of hot dogs, chips and beverages. We were able to use many of the items that were leftover from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July which helped greatly to reduce our expenses.

**Susan Copsey and Esslingen students visit Mayor Van Akkeren:** On May 17<sup>th</sup> the committee approved a donation of \$250 to Susan Copsey of People to People per her request for money to use for lunch with the mayor and 20 students visiting from Esslingen, Germany (10 from Esslingen, 10 from Sheboygan). They met with the mayor on August 8<sup>th</sup> and toured the Council Chambers. Afterwards they had a picnic lunch outside the Mead Library with sub sandwiches Susan purchased at Subway.

**Schedule next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Keary and seconded by Henry. All ayes – motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Mary Rajer, Secretary